

COVID-19 Special Report How'd We Do? Families Deserve More Details on Vaccination Rates at Long-Term Care Facilities

What Was Performed? A special report that reviewed information from Delaware's COVID-19 pandemic dashboard involving vaccines administered to residents and staff of long-term care facilities (LTCFs).

Why This Engagement? Under the Delaware Code, it is the state auditor's job to offer suggestions to improve efficiency and effectiveness in state government. This special report evaluates the information contained in the state dashboard pertaining to LTCF vaccines and shows how the dashboard compares to neighboring states in providing key vaccine metrics. This special report is intended to help the public and state health officials identify additional COVID-19/vaccination data that could be helpful if provided.

What Was Found? Delaware's dashboard does not contain key vaccine metrics involving LTCFs, which have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The inclusion of this information would be in the public interest and would allow the state to be more transparent to Delawareans. The report highlights one observation:

1. <u>LTCF Vaccine information</u>: The state dashboard would benefit from including six additional LTCF vaccine metrics. These metrics provide transparency and allow the government to identify additional trends in data used to address the pandemic from a policy standpoint.

The special report offers one recommendation for improvement. The new special report, "How'd We Do? Families Deserve More Details on Vaccination Rates at Delaware Long-Term Care Facilities" can be found on our website: click here.

Under <u>Delaware Code 2909</u>, the State Auditor may produce special reports that examine state agencies' performance and offer recommendations for greater accuracy and efficiency, as well as data, information and recommendations the auditor deems advisable and necessary.

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